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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003 for One(1) month(s) from December 26, 2003 to January 26, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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